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MY PROPOSED CHANGES TO IT

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U.S. District Judge Colleen Kollar- Kotelly  
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Dear Honorable Judge Kollar-Kotelly:

I am writing to you to comment on the proposed settlement terms with Microsoft.

As is, I think the proposed settlement is very fatally flawed and must be written to ensure the public and other companies are not further harmed by the monopolistic practices of Microsoft. The current proposed settlement terms only serve the interests of Microsoft and related special interest groups that gave substantial campaign contributions to the Bush campaign and the GOP party.

Even though I live in Seattle, I believe the unfair monopolistic business practices of Microsoft must be punished and adequately addressed in order to protect all Americans and the U.S. and world economy.

1. Microsoft must be prohibited from giving unfair preference and position for its own products when bundled with its operating system products, especially in deals with PC companies.
2. Microsoft must be prohibited from being able to bundle whatever they want to include as part of their operating system, because current separately sold software products could be bundled with Windows in the future and thus, undercut and eliminate many other technology companies.
3. Since Microsoft is a monopoly, Microsoft must publicly disclose their Windows source code in order to level the playing field for all American consumers and businesses.

Please adopt these 3 proposed terms into the currently proposed settlement terms with Microsoft. My proposed terms are fair, un-burdensome to Microsoft and the U.S. Federal and State governments and American public, and will be very effective to correct and reverse the wrongs Microsoft has committed.

Sincerely,

Joel Hodgell

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